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Bristol County

Taunton River Watershed

Latitude: 41.94371 N Longitude: 71.10920 W



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Depth: 9 feet Average
30 feet Maximum

Primary Gamefish:

*Largemouth Bass,
Tiger Muskie*

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General Information:

Lake Sabbatia is a 237 acre enlarged great pond with an average depth of nine feet and a maximum depth of 30 feet. The entire northern end of the lake is very shallow. Lake Sabbatia, also known as Scuddings or Scaddings Pond, was raised to its present level by a dam built around 1812. The pond's flowage rights were controlled by the Whittenton Mill Flowage Company and used to power mills, water is still used for industrial processes downstream. The pond is subject to drawdowns for flood control and downstream water uses. The lake receives water from Winnecunnet Pond via the Snake River, from Watson's Pond and from swampy areas and drains into the Mill River. The water color is the typical tea color of most Bristol County waters and transparency is about four feet. The bottom is predominantly mud and aquatic vegetation is heavy along the entire shoreline and all of the coves. Roughly three quarters of the 7.1 miles of shoreline has been developed with residences.

Access:

Lake Sabbatia is located on the southern edge of the Hockomock Swamp and is bordered in part by Watson State Park. The lake has excellent access in the form of a paved Office of Fishing and Boating c Access launching ramp off Bay Street which can be reached taking Exit 9 off Route 495 and heading south on Bay Street. Shoreline fishing is possible near the boat ramp, along Bay Street and along Scadding Street.

Management History:

A July 2, 1912 survey report stated that Sabbatia Park on the eastern shore was used as an amusement resort with free open air vaudeville and moving pictures. Pickerel, a few bass, yellow perch, white perch and horned pout were reported. Smallmouth bass, pickerel, walleye, bluegill, crappie, white perch, pumpkinseed, horned pout and brown trout were reported as stocked prior to 1951. A July 17, 1951 survey found pumpkinseeds, yellow perch, bluegill, chain pickerel, banded sunfish, golden shiner, white perch, brown bullhead, bridle shiner, and black crappie. Northern pike were stocked here in 1985 and 1987. Tiger muskies were stocked in 1993, 1994, 1995, 1997 and 1998.

Fish Populations:

Sabbatia Lake was most recently sampled in March 1995 and captured stocked northern pike in addition to largemouth bass, yellow perch, bluegill, pumpkinseed, chain pickerel, brown bullhead, golden shiner, white perch, and American eel. Black crappie were not captured in the 1995 survey but still occur in the pond. Tiger muskies are now present in the pond and northern pike may have drifted down from recent stockings in Winneconnet Pond.

Fishing:

Lake Sabbatia offers good fishing for an assortment of warmwater fish. Both largemouth bass and chain pickerel fishing is good, with many decent sized fish present. The panfish are abundant and should provide good fishing. Ice fishing for chain pickerel and yellow perch should be very productive. The tiger muskies from the 1993-1997 stocking should be close to or above the legal size limit of 28 inches and would be a good bet for an angler looking for a trophy. The pond is heavily used by water skiers and other boaters during the summer months. Other nearby ponds include Watson's Pond (west of Bay Street), Prospect Hill Pond in Taunton, and Winnecunnet Pond in Norton.

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